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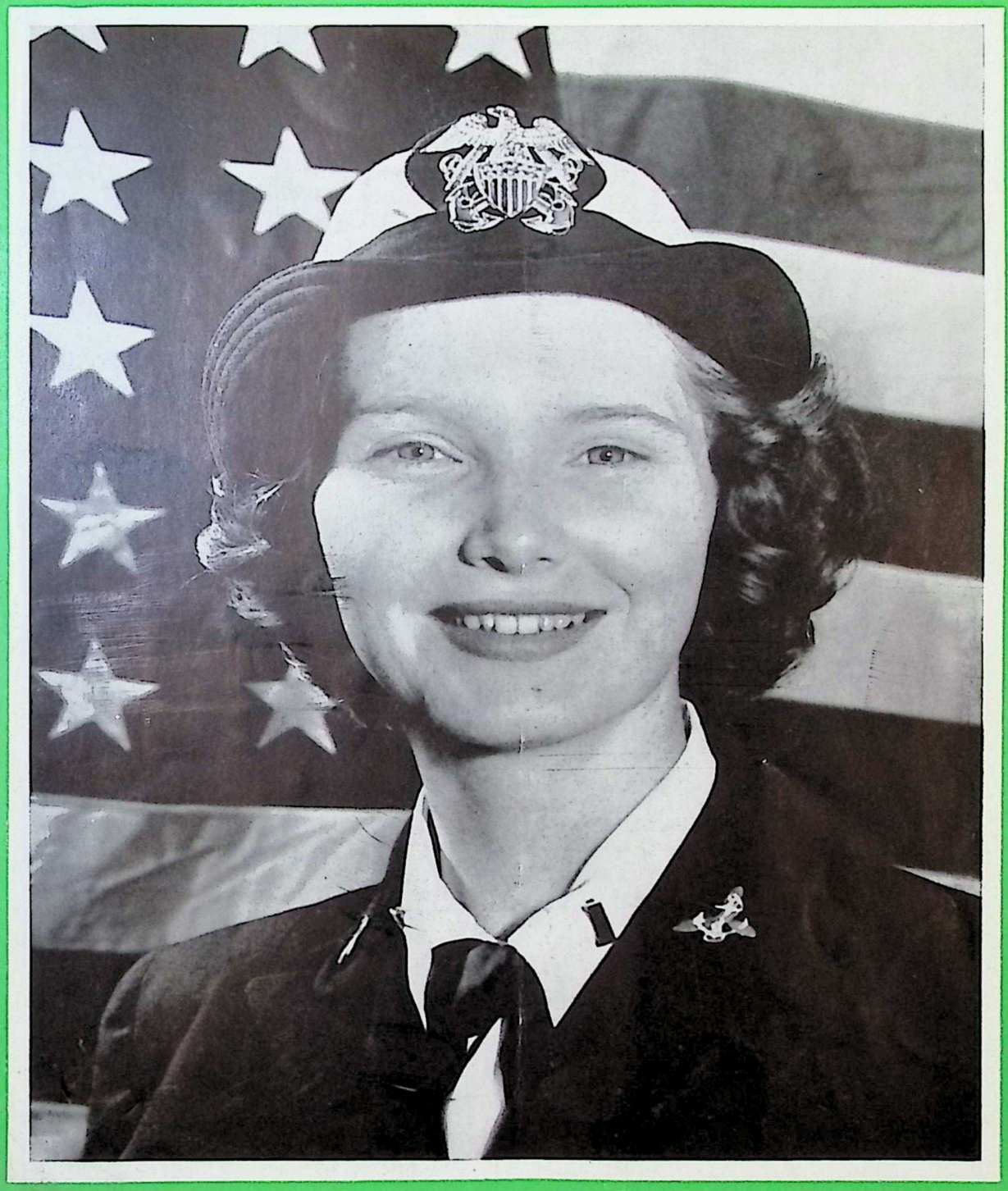

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EDITORIAL

All You Have To Do Is To Ask, Uncle Sam!

The President of the United States recently returned from a swing around the country. He remarked that Washington was 'way behind public opinion. We could have told him that and saved him the trip. The name "United" States refers not to the Washington ant-hill but to the man in the street because there are plenty of things about which we are united.

For instance. We'd like to see the draft law more inclusive and less exclusive. There are plenty of jobs for veterans in the service of supply. They want to get in. Take them! The army wants our 18-year-old's. Take them too because we know the army wouldn't be so insistent if there wasn't a darned good reason. But since you're throwing a bunch of kids who have not had time to live into the slaughter, take every able-bodied man married or single, with or without dependents and let's get on with the war. If any one has a good reason why these youngsters of ours are expendable material and the married ones more useful to the country, we haven't heard it. We're prejudiced, of course, but we think the future of the world is tied up in these teen-age boys of ours.

Give every able-bodied man a job — and see that he does it. If we had drafted labor and capital and industry and cut out profits we'd be a hell of a way down the road by this time. We need rubber but some people still run two cars, with a few tires in the attic. And they're saying they'll put those tires on until inspection time. You haven't rationed coffee, yet some of us get a half pound a week and others have plenty tucked away.

The railroads are enjoying the greatest freight and traffic hauls in history, yet you let them up their rates. Why? Pearson tells us that Aluminum Company of America had a few $1 a year men in the right places who licked a plan to develop low grade clay in the U. S. and insisted it be brought across the Caribbean. Why? The Higgins ship building business was scuttled. Why? WPB is blocking the cheap, quick, sponge-iron process in the West. Why? We pin a Silver Star on a correspondent because he walked through a jungle and leave ship builder Kaiser wearing fountain pens where medals ought to stretch from here to hell-and-gone. Why?

We little people in the street want to win this war. You can have the shirt on our back if you need it. But you don't have to DEMAND it. All you've got to do is to just ask — once!

This Is Membership Month Make It Memorable

There should be an all-out drive this month by chapter officers and members to get into the YDVA roster, every man who wore the YD in 1917-19.

Five years ago there was an excuse, and it was a good one. Lack of employment kept many men out because even the small sum needed for dues just couldn't be obtained. There are no good excuses this year. Everyone is working and YANKEE DOINGS will do its best to maintain liaison between our units all over the U. S.

This is the time of year we usually reserve for the comment, "Let's do something about membership" — and then trail off into a futile silence. Well, let's do something about membership! We need 1000 members right now and half of them were on the books last year. Let each chapter commander appoint a membership committee AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Ask for extra copies of DOINGS to show that prospect. He's almost sure to read something about at least one of his old comrades. Invite him to a chapter meeting — and ask him to "say a few words." Remember the two great weaknesses of the human race and cash in on them, most everyone likes to "speak" and everyone likes to eat, so have them come on "eats" night.

BEN BOURN, our National Commander, is doing his darndest by making as many visits as possible to the chapters to stimulate interest and keep us trying. Get that membership over the 4000 mark by January first and we'll spend so much money on the February issue LEE REDFIELD will think he's paying for an issue of "Life".

Epitaph

"No drums they wished, whose thoughts were tied
To girls and jobs and mother,
Who rose and drilled and killed and died
Because they saw no other,
Who died without the hero's throb
And if they trembled, hid it,
Who did not fancy much their job
But thought it best, and did it."

— By Michael Thwaites,
Lieutenant, H. M. Navy.

'Machine Gun' Parker Dies

With 26th Division in First A.E.F.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 14 (AP)—Brig.-Gen. John Henry Parker, retired, 76, known as "Machine Gun Parker," because of his efforts in advancing the machine gun as an army weapon, died last night.

In 1903 he organized the first model machine gun detachment of the army.

Gen. Parker was wounded three times in the first World War and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross with three oak-leaf clusters and other medals for gallantry in action.

In 1892 he was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He commanded the Gatling Gun Battery at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War in 1898 and was a machine gun expert on General Pershing's staff during the first World War.

He retired at his own request after 30 years of service in 1924. He has resided in Reno for the last two years, spending much of his time writing.

A P O

Write to Lt. Edwin J. Noyes, 0-284712, 26th Materiel Squadron, 19th Air Base Group, APO 847, care PM, NYC. Ted has just written from "Somewhere in England" and his letter will be published complete in the December issue.

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Comrades in or near Middletown, Conn., are urged to look up Sgt. James French, Jr., 182nd Infantry who has been disabled from wounds received in the South Pacific and has been discharged. He is working there until his claim comes through and has had a rotten break. He returned home wounded, no one came near in five weeks, nothing appeared in the papers and what his thoughts must be only the rest of us who also wore the YD can know. His home is in West Acton, Mass., and BEN BOURN, our National Commander is calling on him personally to let him know we appreciate what he's been through. BILL BLAKE of the Veterans Bureau is going to check on his claim which is still in work and we hope local chapters will pitch in. He's got friends, let's prove it.

★

Three months ago we met Sgt. Arneson from Alabama. He gets DOINGS off and on and writes, "We expect to be in it very soon now but don't worry, we won't let you down".

Let's Wipe Out "Armistice Day"

November eleventh was well-named when they called it Armistice Day, because that's exactly what it turned out to be.

The practical minded, and this includes all of the veterans of World War I, now realize that our war was a gigantic dress rehearsal of the greatest war of all time. Future historians will certainly call the 20 years of inactivity between World War I and II as a temporary cessation of hostilities, — and that's just what it was!

Wipe out Armistice Day as a national holiday. It means nothing, never can mean anything. If we have learned anything we now know that an armistice is the one thing that the Axis will *not* get this time.

Remember Pearl Harbor, and Bataan. Strike with all the ruthlessness that right gives to might. The militarism that is Germany and the bestiality that is Japan must be erased by an avalanche of death and destruction so that we may have peace — "even to a thousand years."

A P O

ARTHUR G. VETTER, Colorado Chapter, postcards he is in U. S. Vets Hospital, Ward 18, Hot Springs, South Dakota. He wants more "Gorilla Warfare" stories and mail.

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Reprint from Infantry Journal.

The soldier, first of all, must know how to march, and reach his destination without being all fagged out: ready for action: then, how to take care of himself and his equipment in the field: then, how and when to shoot and what at, also hit what he aims at. He must know something of the general scheme of events of the moment: in other words "What the score is" to act intelligently on the firing line. Don't withhold all the information you have regarding the situation: you may get killed and someone else may have to carry on—provided they know what the score is to start with. — Corporal Leon F Denis in "The Infantry Journal," May-June, 1936.

It is gratifying to note, that the author of the manuscript of which the above is an excerpt; then a Corporal, 35th U. S. Infantry, is none other than Captain Leon F. Denis, Lynn Chapter, M.S.G.

The General John H. Parker Chapter

Yankee Division Veterans Association
Middletown, Connecticut

October 15, 1942

Whereas,

The great and supreme Ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom removed from amongst us our beloved, and esteemed comrade, Brigadier General, John Henry Parker, DSC;

And Whereas,

The long and intimate relation held with him in honest, and faithful service of our country, our organization, and our life both in time of peace and in time of war, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appriceiation therefore,

Resolved,

That the wisdom, and ability which he exercised in the aid of our lifes, our organization, by service, contribution, and counsel, and our association with him both in times of peace as in war, by his very fine life, his gracious acts, his brilliant leadership, will be in grateful remembrance held.

Resolved,

That the sudden removal of such a life from amongst our midst leaves a vacancy, and shadow that will be deeply realized by all our membership, and our friends, and will prove a serious loss to our city, state, and nation,

Resolved,

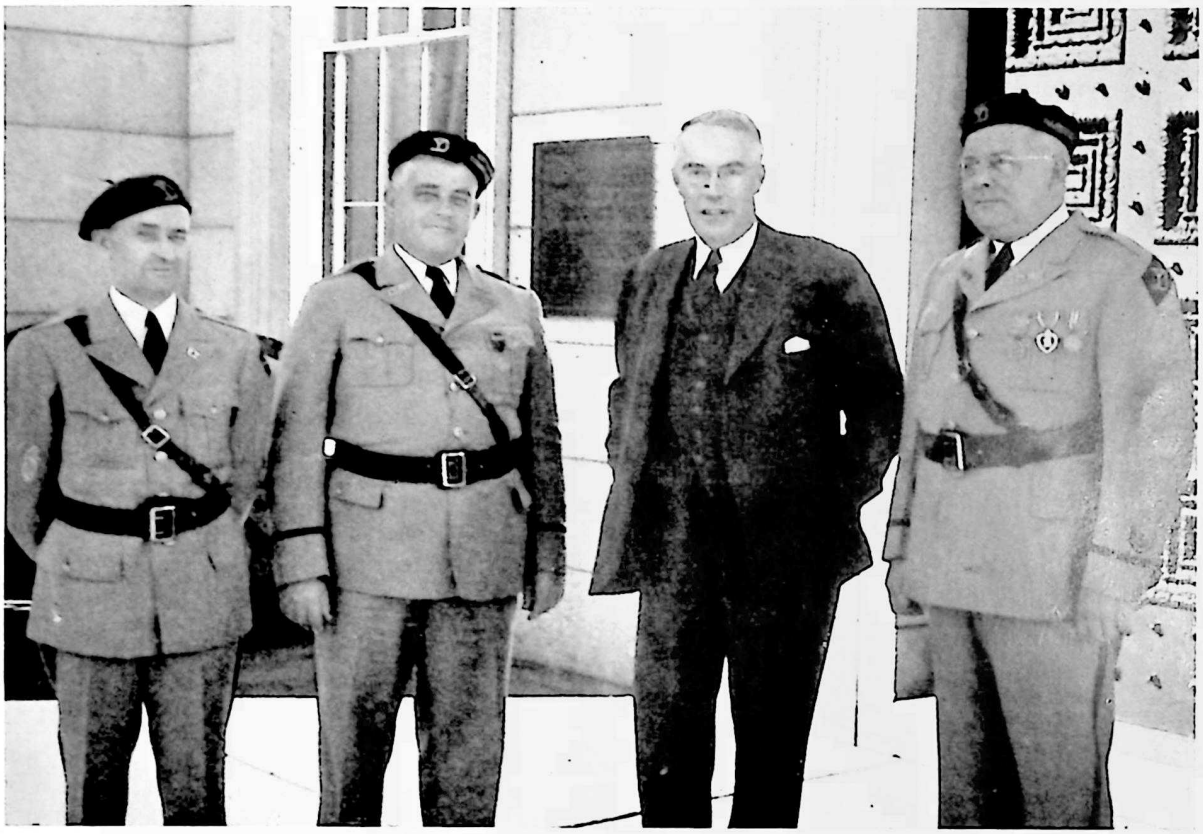
That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of our dearly beloved friend and counsellor, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved,

That copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this organization, a copy printed in local press, and copies be sent to our State and National bodies, and copies be forwarded to the bereaved family.

Joseph C. Kolinsky,
Charles A. Anderson,
Joseph Petruzello.

Resolutions Committee, The General John Henry Parker DSC Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Ass'n., Middletown, Conn.



Our National Commander recently visited Montpelier, Vt., and here we see the party as they chatted with the Governor. From left to right: Joseph Abair, PDC; Ben Bourn, National Commander; Governor William Wills of Vermont and National Sergeant-at-Arms Nielsen.

Were You In The 101st Sig. Bn., Co. C?

Wamer J Callahan, Pvt.
X-S-No.; I-238-747.
September 26, 1942.
Co. C, 101st F. Sig. Bn.,
26th Division.

To whom it may concern:—

Will you kindly print the following in your monthly paper, YANKEE DOINGS. This may aid a widow of one of your comrades.

Will the comrades who were in the 101st Field Sig., Bn., Co. C., 26th Div. and who had knowledge of the above named comrade of being wounded or gassed, get in touch with Orrin J. Eckler, Service Officer, Veterans of Foreign Wars, RD. No. 3, Petersburg, Va., who is trying to get a pension for one of the 26th Div. comrade's widow.

If any comrade or comrades remember when the above named comrade was wounded, will they be kind enough to make out a sworn affidavit covering the following:

What battle he was wounded in; what place; the date; what hospital he was sent to; any doctors who treated him; and any other information that will be helpful in my prosecution of the claim.

Be sure when you are making out your affidavit, to include your name, address, your rank, outfit, serial number, and how well you remember the veteran, and were you with and did you help him after he was wounded.

Thanking you I remain,
Yours in comradeship,
Orrin J. Eckler,
V.F.W. Post No. 622,
RD, No. 3, Petersburg, Va.

Down the Company Street

"Are you a letter man?"

"Yessir, She always wants to , and I always letter."

———

A drunk who had boarded a double deck bus and stumbled up to the top deck, came rolling down the stairs a minute later with the observation, "I ain't going to ride up there. There's nobody driving."

———

"What happened to the girl who wore cotton stockings?"

"Nothing, bud, nothing!"

———

"You beast. Where is your ethics!"

"Oh, that! I traded it for a Chevrolet."

———

"I know a place where the women don't wear hardly anything except maybe a string of pearls once in a while."

"My Gosh! Where?"

"Around their necks."

———

Maid: "My boy friend has cold feet."

Master of the House: "Shame on you, young lady. In my day we didn't find those things out until after we got married."

———

"How did you get that bad eye?"

"It's a birth mark."

"What do you mean, a birth mark?"

"I got in the wrong one on the Century last night."

———

They call her the village queen because every poker player in town has held her.

———

Then there were the two girls talking things over. One said, "Have you been x-rayed?" and the other replied, "No, but I've been ultra-violated."

MEETING NIGHTS OF YD CHAPTERS

MAINE	
Portland	1st Thursday.
Waterville	4th Thursday.
MASSACHUSETTS	
State Department	1st Sunday.
Boston	3rd Thursday.
Concord	2nd Tuesday.
Danvers	3rd Wednesday.
Fitchburg	2nd Tuesday.
Haverhill	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Lowell	4th Tuesday.
Lynn	Every Tuesday.
Marlboro	2nd Wednesday.
Milford	3rd Wednesday.
New Bedford	2nd Tuesday.
Reading	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Salem	Every Friday.
Springfield	1st and 3rd Friday.
Worcester	1st and 3rd Thursday.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Manchester	2nd Wednesday.
Nashua	3rd Tuesday.
CONNECTICUT	
State Department	2nd Sunday.
Bridgeport	2nd and 4th Monday.
Bristol	2nd Friday.
Hartford	1st Monday.
Manchester	2nd Tuesday.
Meriden	2nd Monday.
Middletown	Kolinsky Dugout.
New Britain	1st and 3rd Thursday.
New Haven	2nd and 4th Thursday.
New London	2nd and 4th Friday.
Norwalk	3rd Friday.
Stamford	1st Monday.
Terryville	1st Monday.
Torrington	1st Tuesday.
Valley	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Wallingford	2nd Tuesday.
Waterbury	1st Friday.
Willimantic	1st Monday.
RHODE ISLAND	
Pawtucket	3rd Thursday.
Providence	3rd Wednesday.
VERMONT	
Brattleboro	2nd Thursday.
Rutland	2nd Thursday.
Washington	Last Friday.
MICH., Detroit	1st Friday.
OHIO, Cleveland	3rd Sunday

Christmas Cards

Most of you have now received a box of them, sent you on approval. Order some more for that boy in the service, or give them as a gift to some of your friends. If for any reason you cannot accept them, put them in the mail and return them to us.

They're only $1 though — AND IT HELPS YDVA !

L. H. REDFIELD,
National Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

November 1, 1942

DEPT. OF ME.	
Cumberland	18
Farmington	6
Lewiston	32
Waterville	33
At Large	22
	111
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	6
Franklin	1
Keene	29
Manchester	20
Nashua	43
Rochester	16
Triangle	25
At Large	11
	151
DEPT. OF VT.	
Brattleboro	23
Burlington	0
Montpelier-Barre	19
Rutland	23
St. Albans	9
Morrisville	10
At Large	7
	91
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Beverly	24
Boston	478
Concord	49
Brockton	8
Danvers	27
Fitchburg	135
Foxboro	9
Haverhill	46
Holyoke	5
Lawrence	15
Lowell	32
Lynn	198
Marlboro	30
Milford	41
New Bedford	82
Reading	31
Salem	27
Springfield	144
Worcester	131
At Large	57
	1569
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Apremont	144
Kent County	37
Providence	137
At Large	0
	318
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	34
Bristol	108
Hartford	215
Manchester	55
Meriden	94
Middletown	27
New Britain	72
New Haven	119
New London	26
Norwalk	24
Stamford	32
Terryville	0
Torrington	20
Valley	13
Wallingford	13
Waterbury	14
Willimantic	59
At Large	5
	930
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	27
Cleveland	43
Denver	10
Detroit	15
Los Angeles	15
New York	130
Philadelphia	23
Washington	22
Life Members	37
At Large	94
GRAND TOTAL	3586

NEXT DOINGS COPY DUE NOVEMBER 20th

FRONT COVER PICTURE

Lt. (j.g.) Marian Enright, U.S.N.R. Call them WAVES or call them splendid types of American womanhood. Official U. S. Navy photograph.

DOES THAT MOON MAKE ME LONESOME!

Litany for a New A.E.F.

From The New Yorker
Henry Morton Robinson

Epaulettes of Farragut,
Powder-horn of Boone,
Hawaii's fateful morning,
Shiloh's fearful moon.
(Be with us as we embark.)

Bayonets in Belleau Wood,
Song of Marion's men,
Fox-holes in the Philippines,
Wake's grim garrison.
(Be an example unto us.)

Lincoln's face, its sadness;
"That from these honored dead
We take increased devotion . . .
Other things he said.
(Support us in the Battle.)

Stars above our cornfields,
Morning-colored wind,
Snow, and wood-fires burning
On hearths we leave behind.
(Shine for us, dear beacons.)

God of the hidden purpose,
Let our embarking be
The prayer of proud men asking
Not to be safe, but free.

"YD SPIRIT – MEMORIES"

"Remember Chateau Thierry" is my motto. Why do we have to almost force YD men to join their own Veterans' Association? Where is the old YD fighting spirit? What is anybody doing about it? What advantages are there in being a member some say. Well what in hell can you do with a former comrade who is just looking for something? Isn't it enough to have served with the best damn Division in the A.E.F. and help perpetuate those Memories for our departed comrades? Some of our Chapters are not sincere in their efforts — sort of indifferent — just about struggling along each year with enough members to be called a Chapter.

Each year we lose between 500 to 1000 members who do not re-up. We also sign up about the same number as new members, but never do both. What's the answer buddies? Are we getting old and lazy? Some of our YD men reach the top as Nat. Comm. or State Dept. Comm. or leader of their Chapter and then fade out of the picture. Why? Let's hope these men were not glory seekers. Some will say we are just a social organization, not a real veterans' group. Well comrade, I truthfully believe that if every YD man eligible to be a member was true to his promise, we would be the strongest, most powerful veterans' organization in New England. We could put forth needed legislation to assist deserving comrades — all fighters in 1917-18.

Why is it that some Chapters have but 24 or 37 or 12 members when in their city or town something like 200 or 300 or 500 are available? Other large cities and towns have no chapters, while others seem to carry on each year, giving it the old fight. In greater Boston alone, between 10,000 to 15,000 YD men are not members, they being allowed to join but the one Chapter. In one large Conn. city close to 1000 men are eligible and less than 200 are members. What's the answer comrades?

Our great record over there, was made by the division working as one unit — a smooth machine — with perfect co-ordination, in other words. I mean, "In Unity there is Strength." The 101st Infantry needed the 101st F.A. — 101st Mach. Gun Bat. — 101st Engineers — 101st Supply, etc., etc. One could not function without support of the other. Why then do we have 101st and 104th Conventions? If they worked like the old machine and held reunions at our Nat. Convention, wouldn't it be more like 1917-18? I think it would, so why not try it. Regardless of what any individual may think, no one Regiment was any better or more heroic than the other. By all of us putting everything into one big effort, I believe it will solve the problem. You leaders of the 101st and 104th should give it serious consideration. Why not be good sports and give it a try, I'll bet "Knocko" would be willing. Maybe that's the answer to a bigger and better Membership.

— Ray Doucette, P.N.C.

THE SONS OF '42

From the mills and shops and dusty plains
From Frisco's shore to the rim of Maine,
We rise to meet the spreading danger
To freedom, given by the Son in the manger.

Chorus:

We are the sons of those sons of guns
Who taught the enemy to fear us.
Give us the planes, the tanks and guns,
And give us a song to cheer us.
Oh! Our heads are high our hearts are light
And we are itching for a fight.
If it's fight they want it's fight they'll get
And when we fight we'll win, you bet.

With God in our hearts and smiles on our faces
We will go to serve in far off places.
We follow the flag and the paths of Glory
To teach the world the American story.

Here's to our folks and our homes so dear
And to the battles we face without fear.
We pledge our lives and our honor bright
And a salute to those who die in the fight.

J. H. Smith.
F Co., 101st Inf.

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We Felt Like This Too, Sometimes – But We Won the War Kid!

Dear Dad:

What is going on there? Yesterday, my July 13 issue of "Time" arrived. Today, as I read it, it makes me sick and bitter, and fills my mind with unanswerable questions. The drive for scrap rubber is a "disappointing failure"; the sale of war bonds is $200,000,000 per month below Government expectations; aggressive war must wait until after the November elections; steel laborers seek a dollar-a-day increase in wages.

What kind of a game is this that is being played in those United States. Is that our invincible, our proud country? While all over the world men are being shot to pieces, other men—the steel, the aluminum, the textile, the rubber workers—are quibbling about dollars, and Washington is still activated by politicians.

Where is that common sense of which we Americans were once so proud? So they want a raise because the cost of living has risen; but isn't it evident to even the most selffish that any increase in consumer purchasing power must necessarily add still more to that cost of living? Or maybe the true fact underlying this "greatest" war effort is the very simple fact that everyone is out to get whatever he can from this unprecedented opportunity. With the aspects of inflation clearly in view, our selfish, bigoted "patriots" are willing to risk chaos and defeat—yes, *defeat*—because they won't believe there is a war in progress that might engulf them; they argue over something that in reality does not exist.

But those smug, complacent people are playing with human lives? The trickle of beautiful planes comes over and we look up and say to each other: "Just think of what a thousand, five thousand of them could do." *You* don't feel that; *we* do. The seamen whose ships have been blown from under them talk of the useless waste because helpless boats are not convoyed. *You* haven't spoken to such men, *I* have. The stunned, half-dead sailors adrift for weeks on a raft—*you* haven't seen them, *I* have. And "little steel" asks for an increase in wages.

Where is the conscience of America? Must another generation of young men suffer the same disillusionment as the previous generation did? Having been born in 1916, the last war is real to me only in what I have read and heard, and in what you have told me. . . .

And all the while, the young gallant sailors and marines and soldiers are dying in the Pacific, and in Ireland the boys wait with the realization that they may be next. And we in the outposts who feel guilty because we are so far from the actual fighting, we sit and rot in stinking, malarial jungles and have time to think—and my mind becomes corroded with what I read. Those boys who are about to die, those who may be maimed, those who may live a lingering death with tropical disease, they ask so little. They will fight for you if you but give them the weapons. They will die so that you may have pretty homes and happy families, but *don't let them lose faith.*

Personally, I think we shall win this war but only after tens of thousands of people have been needlessly killed, but let me offer this warning: If this generation of soldiers returns home to a collapsed and chaotic economic system due to inflation or any other cause that might easily have been prevented had the people but realized the dangers of their shortsightedness, we shall not stand docilely on street corners selling apples; we shall not ashamedly wait in line to receive bread. The American soldier is not a child who can easily be fooled, Dad; he is too well informed.

Is it asking too much of civilians to give up a little of their comfort so that some one else might win security for them? The President speaks of more and more sacrifices. Sacrifices—hell! It it a sacrifice to defend one's self against impending disaster? What a ludicrous and tragic situation that soldiers must beg, actually beg, for arms to defend people who, by their very actions, don't seem to give a damn. The fine American instiution of the Sunday motor trip is far more important than a boatload of supplies to the tankmen and aviators in Egypt. Sacrifices? Look to the Chinese people and learn what the word truly means.

To you, Dad, I would give a firm handshake, and to Mother, a tender kiss, for I am very proud of you both America is not the land of your birth but, in your wisdom and devotion to this country you love, you have become finer, more worthy citizens than a good majority of people who can trace their citizenship back several generations. Although Christianity is not your avowed faith, in your daily lives you prove you are better Christians than many of those fine people who every Sunday attend that beautiful church on the corner several blocks away.

Yes, Dad, tell them that my mind is sick and bitter. Tell them that I want to believe in my country but find it increasingly difficult to believe in its people. But who will listen? Who will want to listen to a soliltary soldier crying out for justice? Who is interested in mere words when big money can be made—and the boys are dying in the Pacific?

LEE.

(Det. 120th Signal Radio Intelligence) A.P.O. 869.
New York City.

From "Time" Magazine.

L. F. COTIE SAYS

It would appear, from a reading of the "outburst" in the October issue, *(Ed. note: Evidently refers to Oct. editorial)* that the drive is on. And it's about time that someone or others attempted to snap "bathtub Henry" out of his dream.

If suggestions are in order, hereare a few: First line troops now standing by — and they are doing nothing else but standing by now — in Trinidad, Brazil, British and Dutch Guiana, Curacao, Panama, Puerto Rico, Bermuda and other reserve stations where first line action is remote should be replaced by veterans of the last war and thus release approximately three to four hundred thousand of those young and healthy boys to possible active service in areas where activity is at least in the offing.

General officers in the field that command such veterans should be restrained from playing soldiers in war games with such veterans. This restraint should be placed upon them unless those general officers themselves participate in the maneuvers without the benefit of cushions.

Don't expect the department, of which Henry is the tutor, to concur. Congressional action is necessary.

YD SONS IN SERVICE

John J. Mitchell
U. S. Navy
★
Son of
Michael J. Mitchell
Co. C, 101st Inf.

Cadet John E. Booth
Santa Ana, California
★
Son of
John R. Booth
Batt. A, 102nd F.A.

Pfc. Paul A. Colombo
U. S. Marine Corps, Unit No. 275
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
★
Son of
Anthony C. Colombo
101st Train Hgtrs., and M.P.
Boston Chapter

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Anthony M. Toronto
U. S. Navy
★
Son of
Patsy Toronto
Co. E, 101st Inf.

James J. Howard, Jr.
U. S. Marine Corps, Unit No. 450
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
★
Son of
James J. Howard
Co. L, 104th Inf.
Springfield Chapter

John E. Dougherty
406th Base Headquarters
Air Base Squadron
Rosecrans Field
St. Joseph, Mo.
★
Son of
Edward D. Dougherty
Co. B, 101st Eng.
Cumberland County Chapter

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO
Headquarters Battery, 101st F.A. Battalion
Hill Military Reservation, "Vir-gin-yuh"

Hello Soldiers:

A few lines below you will read a hell of a fine letter 1st Sergeant Larkin wrote us but before you get that far I'd like to tell you this. Every old YD man who reads this sheet, and there are over 4000 of us, is eating his heart out because he can't get back in to do his bit.

We see a young lad on the street with the blue YD on his sleeve and we feel like tearing up and telling him that we're YD too. It's branded on our heart and there it will be until we turn to dust. You'll never know how proud we were when we first got that bit of immortal blue and OD. There's one thing, two in fact, that we both DO know however. That little diamond tells the world that you and we belong to the grandest division ever formed. You too know as we do the feeling that can't be explained in words when the colors come fluttering down at retreat.

Believe me that I speak for the whole division when I tell you that when we, of the old division see you new YD men, sturdy, slim, self-reliant and first-class fighting men, that we aren't worried a damn bit but what you'll measure up when you get at them. Ask your CO to tell you about the time our artillery chased Jerry at Chateau Thierry for days, firing at point-blank range and chasing the heinies so fast that there was only time to fire four or five shots when it was up trail and after them again. We aren't worrying about you guys. We're betting 100 to 1 that you'll do BETTER than we did and we did our damnedest ! !

THE EDITOR.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
101st Field Artillery Battalion
A.P. Hill Military Reservation, Virginia

Gentlemen:

In appreciation for the magazine "YANKEE DOINGS" I am saying thanks for a hundred and forty men of this Battery that read your splendid copy. It is hung on the Bulletin Board every month until a new copy replaces it, it sure gets dog-eared after the boys devour the news it contains. We have many men who have come to us from all parts of the country who uphold the good name of the Yankee Division, some of them who had fathers in the first world war.

Our number of Massachusetts men is slowly diminishing but the local boys that stay with us are carrying on for them, the officers candidate school are stealing them from us. So until we get some more good Yankee stock we will do our best here in this rebel country.

I am an ex-regular army man, and pride myself to serve with Yankee Division. My home is in Dorchester, many of the men are from Boston and outlying towns and cities. So until we receive your copy I say for the men and myself that we are going to try and follow in the foot steps of the men of the Yankee Division.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. LARKIN,
1st Sgt

West Roxbury, Mass.

Dear Editor:

I have received my October issue of the "YANKEE DOINGS" and find it the most interesting copy I have yet received. Do you know why? I'll tell you. My Kid's picture is in it.

Now, if any one gets the impression that I have a swelled-head because My Kid's Picture has been published in the "DOINGS" they are absolutely right and I'll bet that I am not a damn bit different in the way I feel than any other father who has had his Kid's picture published in the "YANKEE DOINGS." Chesty! you can bet I'm chesty and I don't care who the hell knows it. Nobody who comes to my house has to coax me to show them the "DOINGS". If they never saw it before they'll be sure to see it when they run into me. "Look", I say, "Here's my Kid's picture in the YANKEE DOINGS, the publication of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association." Proud! I'll say I'm proud. Proud to see my Kid's picture among the other swell Kid's pictures — YD Sons in Service. I'm not taking that "I have given my Son to his country" attitude. Hes over twenty-one. I didn't give him. He stepped out himself. He would have been lassooed if he didn't, so I don't want any credit on that score. Let that credit go to the father whose Kid was under twenty-one and who had to obtain consent before he could enlist. That is where credit for giving a Son belongs.

Here I am popping off like a tobacco auctioneer, but as I said before there is a lot of other guys in the YDVA who feel like I do and if they don't pop off about their Kids in the service and don't look at their pictures in the "DOINGS" or show them at the drop of the hat, well it won't take a hell of a lot to get them going. Fathers, proud fathers all of us and we have a right to be.

Mothers! God bless them they have a part in the sketch too. Poor girls they don't have a heck of a lot to say. They do a lot of thinking though.

And, by the way, I want to get six copies of the October issue of the "DOINGS". How shall I go about it? You see, I want to send them to friends. I want them to see My Kid's Picture.

DANIEL F. SUTTON,
Co. A, 102nd M. G. Bn.

Bourget Meets Varnum

In Fort Devens Kitchen

Soldiers Club, Selma, Alabama.
October 16, 1942.

Hi, everybody. If YANKEE DOINGS will do me the honor, this is a very good way of reaching all of you.

Well here I am Private Joseph L. (Pete) Bourget, 90th School Squadron, Craig Field, Selma, Alabama. I have a very interesting little story for you. The day before I left home, I received an invitation card to attend an "induction party" to be given in Lynn, Mass., in honor of one, Leon Varnum, State Commander for Mass. I could not attend because I was sworn into the service myself on Tuesday, the same day as the party. I never paid any more attention to it. One morning at Fort Devens I was in the "chow line" approaching the "steam table" kind of dopey (just got up at 4:30 A. M.). I stuck out my tray to receive my "oeuf omelet" and looked up at the guy who was dishing it out and "you guessed it", Leon Varnum, doing KP. Well you can tell the cock-eyed world we held up the chow line for a little while, we had to shake hands, etc. The YD State Commander from Mass. dishing out the food for the State Commander from Rhode Island, in an Army of three or four million men. I don't know where Leon is now, but I hope to find his address in YANKEE DOINGS sometime.

Craig Field is an advanced flying school for Cadets. When the Cadets leave here they are full fledged fighting pilots (2nd Lts.) and the purpose of a school squadron is to "Keep 'Em Flying" service their ships, etc. I have been assigned to the radio section at this field. You will be interested to know the living conditions of the troops here. They live in barracks seven men to a room, with private shower and running hot water day and night, (remember when you broke the ice in Liffol Le Grand to wash. You are called at 5:30 A. M., but you don't have to get up (no reveille), chow is served between 6 and 6:30 A.M., you walk into the kitchen and they ask you how you want your eggs, (can you imagine the reaction of a YD man to this), I don't think you will believe me.

After the basic training (18 days of squads right) you will be assigned up on "the line" to be schooled in the handling of these ships, etc. Then you work half the day, the other half you're off. You have what they call an "off duty pass" and you may go to town anytime when you are "off duty." There are more Sgts. and Cpls. here than there are privates, it seems. And when your officers address you they say "Gentlemen". This is the Army of 1942 in the air forces at Craig Field. Believe it or not, Ripley should come down here and "observe."

Well, boys, I see the membership at Apremont is still 144. What's the matter can't you get that 150. That's what your Commander Al Shabbot was shooting at and I think you will get it before convention time. Providence Chapter is moving up slowly but surely. Bob Murray will never quit until he's out in front. I was sorry to hand my job over to Bill Bergin so soon, but I know with that race going on for membership between Providence and Apremont, he will be all right. Good Luck, Bill. Keep up the good work, boys, I shall try to write you again soon. Cheerio.

Pvt. Joseph (Pete) Bourget.
(State Commander).
90th School Squadron,
Craig Field, Selma, Alabama.

Our Nat. Commander Says –

One of the most enthusiastic YD meetings it has been our pleasure to attend was held at Enoch Lyman's (D Company, 101st Engineers) fine restaurant on the outskirts of Montpelier, Vermont. It was the annual installation of Washington County Chapter officers, and of particular interest to both Arthur Nielsen, National Sergeant-at-Arms, and me, as John MacDonald, the new Commander, served with us in our little machine gun battalion. Our better halves were along with us, and all of us were certainly well cared for. We can heartily endorse Enoch Lyman's fine restaurant. Good old Joe Abair saw to it that we were properly received, for we had a splendid visit with Vermont's fine Governor William Wills who graciously gave us a personally conducted tour of their beautiful Statehouse and posed with us for the photographer .

Our visit to Worcester Chapter was most enjoyable and from the attendance, YD still is rolling along nicely up that way. Comrade McCarthy and his committee put on a grand party and YD is stronger for it.

Your officers are endeavoring to carry on

under extreme difficulties. "Hap" Jules must have your copy for DOINGS on time if we are to get it in the mail for you when you expect it. "Hap" has done an unusually good job as your editor. If you think so won't you tell him. Guy Watts, our amiable National Secretary, who is doing such a splendid job besides his work at Air Spotters Headquarters, states that everything is running smoothly but that we are lagging in membership. That should make all you Department and Chapter Commanders start thinking! It is my earnest wish that you call your respective officers and directors together to organize a drive for re-ups. Please call on National Headquarters for any assistance you might need. Let's all cooperate by starting a drive that will put us well over the top, just for the sake of our comrades who are back in the service.

— BEN BOURN.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Benjamin A. Bourn, Hartford, Conn.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: James E. McMahon, 12 Winter St., Waterville, Me.
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

LEWISTON
"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"
Commander: Linwood C. Jewett
563 Main St., Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas

THOMAS H. WHITTINGHAM, a private overseas with Battery F of the 26th division during World War I, died at the veterans hospital at Togus, Maine, the morning of October 5. Tom has been in one hospital after another most of the time since being mustered out of the service and has been at Togus ever since the new hospital was built. Among other ailments he had a very bad heart which was the final cause of his death. Because of his uncomplaining nature and cheery disposition he was a favorite with doctors, nurses and patients alike. Whittingham, a resident of Lewiston, Maine, leaves a wife and son, Thomas H. Jr. In accordance with his wishes he will be buried at Togus.

The Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the YDVA recently held a banquet at the Silver Slipper in Auburn at which fifty members and invited guests were present with all expenses paid by the club. The guest of honor was Past National Commander ED MILLER, now located at Augusta, Maine, still in the service of Uncle Sam. A fine floor show was secured as an added feature and the out-of-state artists were ably assisted by the club's "floor director" Eugene Beaudoin, bugler par-excellance. Commander Walter Sawtelle, Norman S. Thomas, Jess Farnum and J. Fred Shaw were the committee in charge of the affair.

Meetings have been held the second Wednesday of each month at the Goff Hill fire station but permanent quarters are expected before winter sets in. Many members are employed in defense industries, out of town, and attendance has fallen off at the meetings.

For the second year in succession the club sponsored the World of Mirth Carnival and found business dealings with Max Linderman and his associates very productive and extremely satisfactory.

This winter the club will be represented by a bowling team in the YMCA league. Sawtelle and Shaw are co-captains.

PORTLAND
Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Orin H. Tyler
787 Congress St., Portland, Me.
Secretary Pro Tem: Austin G. Lund
168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.

Our October meeting was fairly well attended and although very little real business was accomplished, every one present took part in discussing the various topics presented and that made it a very interesting meeting. In the ab-

sence of Commander Tyler, (who was laid up with a cold) Sec. Lund presided and Vice-Commander Bruns acted as secretary. Noted in the minutes as written by Bruns, was the following quotation; (This is a hell of a job as secretary and I don't mean maybe.) I think most secretaries do have that same thing in mind many times. It at least pleases us, when we hear of some one that does appreciate what we do. One topic that was discussed at considerable length was the question of taking into our organization, the new young YD men that are serving during this present war. The sentiment among those present seemed to be much in favor to take them in.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: William Cudworth, R.F.D. No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"

Commander: William Mould
1 King St., Barre, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

Washington County Chapter had the honor and pleasure to entertain our National Commander BOURN and National Sgt. at Arms NEILSON and their wives at our Ladies Night and Installation, September 21st.

It would have done your heart good to have seen and listened to Commander Bourn, Neilson, MacDonald and Homer Darling talk over old days. These fellows were in the same outfit. You can imagine what was talked over. This is what you get out of YD meetings and brother you can not get it out of any other organization.

Commander Bourn as per his letter, "I will meet you in Montpelier at 2 P. M. Monday, Sept. 21st." At 2 P. M. my phone rang and it was the Commander. I went down to the hotel to meet him and his party, Mrs. Bourn and Mr. and Mrs. Neilson.

I made final arrangements to meet the Governor of Vermont, William H. Wills. While waiting for our appointment the Commander said, "You think a good deal of your Governor, don't you Joe." I said, "Yes, and you will too after you meet him." At 3 P. M. we went to the state house for our appointment. These are the words from Commander Bourn after he met the Governor, "Joe, he is a real fellow and Vermont is lucky to have a man of his type serving as Governor in these trying times."

At 7.30 P. M. we sat down to one of the best feeds that one could ask for. I doubt if you could duplicate it in Boston or New York at any of the leading hotels. The reason—Enoch Lyman, a former Mess Sergeant of the 101st Engineers. He and Mrs. Lyman did a real job and we all take our hats off to them.

Commander Bourne and his Sgt. at Arms Neilson did the honors of installing our officers, Commander MacDonald, Sr. Vice Commander, James Mayette, 103rd Inf., Jr. Vice Commander Frank Paul 104th Inf., Secretary Ralph Lawliss, 102nd Inf. Treasurer Joseph G. Abair, 101st Amm. Train.

So to get things going and to make everyone feel that they were with a real bunch we started things off with "Turkey in the straw," an old fashioned dance. You know, the old circle then right and left and you dance with whom you meet at the command "dance." You ought to see how they went into this dance. It was not long before the uniform coats came off and the boys were out of breath. The old wind was running low. It's the old story, you are not as young as you used to be.

The other day on the street I met a fellow with a YD button and I said hello. He looked at me and said, "You sure have got me Buddy." I said, "So have you, but we fought in the same division so we ought to know each other. This chap was William L. Carroll of Hdqts. Troop and was stationed in Boucq at the time we were shelled out. He is now living in Littleton, Mass., and is connected with the War Production Board.

Two nurses from our local hospital are now located at Newington Hospital, Miss Agnes Healy and Miss Hazel Perrault. To the boys in Newington here are two real scouts and nurses.

You are lucky to have them on your staff. This is your introduction.

To the boys of Co. B 102nd M.G. Bn. this is to let you know that your old Top Kick Merton "Fat" Ashton is Personal Secretary to our Governor William Mills. He is also a Major on the staff at Norwich University at Northfield, Vt., and besides this is chairman of the Merit Board and works from 15 to 18 hours a day.

—Joseph G. Abair.

MORRISVILLE, VT.
Lamoille County Chapter

All aboard for Waterville and the oyster supper and every YD and his gal Sal answered present on Oct. 11. When we reached the Inn, the table set for twenty was the scene of laughter and stories accompanied with good appetites.

After the supper we were invited to the school where a farewell party was being given for two young men leaving for service. One of our YD members, Leon Ellsworth, had the honor of giving the farewell message, also presenting a purse of money to each of the young men — along with the good wishes of the crowd. Bon voyage.

All are getting their ghost stories ready for the Hallowe'en party to be held in Johnson's, next Oct. 21st.

—B. Silloway.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Leon W. Varnum, 32 Hillcrest Circle, Swampscott,
Dep't. Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan, R.F.D. No. 2, Springfield, Mass.

STATE MEETING

Department of Massachusetts held their monthly meeting in the Elks' Home in Fitchburg, Sunday, October 4. About 60 tried and true YD's were in attendance.

Due to our State Commander Leon Varnum being in the service, Senior Vice Commander Crain conducted the meeting, and he did a swell job. The meeting got under way at 4 P. M.

Due to the War conditions, it was voted to hold State meetings every three months for the duration.

December meeting is to be nomination meeting to replace March meeting; election to be in April. December meeting will be held in Salem YD quarters on Howard Street, Salem, first Sunday in December.

Sister Thibeault was elected to fill vacancy of Junior Vice Commander.

Chapters in attendance were Fitchburg, Lawrence, Lynn, Salem and Worcester.

Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commander were installed by our own reliable Clyde Elliott of Worcester.

They say there is a shortage of gas. You would never think so if you attended the Massachusetts Department meeting. No need of a ration card, all the boys need is a glass of fire water, and ice cream sody for "Sister" Thibault, and a high-test gas flows all over the meeting hall.

Those Fitchburg boys certainly turned out at this meeting. Yes-siree, this guy Crain can conduct a meeting like nobody's business.

Secretary Heftey came all the way from Lynn by train, and arrived in Fitchburg after 4 P.M., all by himself.

The three Musketeers from Lawrence were headed by Commander Watton, and the two Mosquitoes from Salem were headed by "Sister" Thibault with three of the Ladies Artillery.

I wanted to be sure that the report of the State Meeting would get in this month, and I am pinch-hitting for Secretary.

—Sister Thibault.

BOSTON
Commander: Albert M. Pacifici
77 Sycamore St., Somerville, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular Monthly Smoker was held on the third Thursday with Alton Hall Blackington (Blackie), one of our favorite entertainers who is with us once a year. He had some of his favorite stories and wonderful color motion pictures. As usual he was tops and everyone left perfectly satisfied.

Walter L. Sullivan, formerly 101st Field Artillery is now in active service with the Coast Guard as Chief Warrant Officer and has just returned from a school in Baltimore and is now stationed at Boston.

WALLIE LAPLANTE, (B Co. 101st Eng.) is now in the Air Corps at Wendover Field, Utah. Wallie has been in Sacramento and Pendleton Field. He is in the Finance Division.

WILLIAM KEYES, Commander of the Chicago Chapter was a recent visitor at the Boston Club. Bill was visiting his father in Dorchester, after attending the marriage of his daughter in New Jersey.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Arthur T. Nelson
5 Joslin Place, Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: William E. King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter YDVA held its regular monthly meeting in St. George's Hall, Fitchburg, Mass. on Tuesday night, October 13, with Vice Commander Harold M. Fisher in the chair.

Comrade Russell Johnson, chairman of the committee to get a list of the sons and daughters of the chapter members who are serving in Armed Forces, made a report of progress and it was voted to send them all a Christmas box.

State Treasurer Samuel Farrell was injured in an accident last Friday and is at the Burbank Hospital.

Comrades Urbain Riendeau, Daniel Moran, Jeremiah Sullivan, Arthur P. Shea, Thomas Kennedy, Frank Bean, Thomas Tiernan, and Samuel Farrell hold a social meeting every morning on the corner of Pritchard and Main streets for the good and welfare of the Fitchburg chapter.

Sr. Vice Commander Harold M. Fisher, appointed Comrade Charles Goguen, chairman to pick his own committee to arrange for a Christmas party on our regular meeting night, December 14.

Our membership for the year is now 134, 11 ahead of last year. Our next chapter will be on Monday night, November 9, when nomination of officers for next year will be held.

—WILLIAM E. KING.

HAVERHILL

Commander: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.
Secretary: Ballard Crockett
19 West St., Haverhill, Mass.

Regret, comrades, about the omission of last month's script. It was completed and mailed by the secretary on the 12th—which was 8 days too soon.

Since the last write-up big doings have been going on in Haverhill. The YD chapter, auxiliary and Junior drum corps participated as a major attraction in the war bond sales drive. Commander TARLETON ably took charge of the mike and introduced President Mrs. Mattie Greenleaf and Norman Ripley, our retread, and the junior appearances of the evening. On the last night of the drive a Horrible parade was held in which our Junior drum corps assisted by Tarleton and Greenleaf won the first prize—which was a $25. bond.

Our first member to re-enlist is NORMAN RIPLEY, Sr. Co. F, 104th Inf., for whom we held a Ripley (believe it or not) night at the Dugout. The members of Rip's old outfit planned this party which was headed by Treas. FRANCIS LYNCH (sergeant to you) and it was picked up by the chapter and auxiliary who put it over with a bang! JOHN J. BUTLER, Co. F, 104th Inf., Exalted Ruler of the Elks, presented to Norman in behalf of his former comrades, a pen and pencil set, and the chapter, auxiliary and friends gave him a purse and a guest book which was autographed by all present. Mrs. Ripley was presented with a gift from the gathering. Their daughter Irene and young son Richard were present. A turkey supper was served by the auxiliary after which Commander Tarleton, as master of ceremonies, introduced the following speakers, S.V. Wallace Burnham, J.V. Ernest Meteyer, Treasurer Lynch, and Ernest M. Sweeney, Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the youngest veteran of World War I, who was attached to the 101st Engineers. Sweeney has done four hitches and is going along with Rip.

Among the distinguished guests were Mrs. Charles Hayes, mother of Norman and Mr. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Metthe, parents of Mrs. Ripley.

FRANK PINGREE, 101st F. A. has re-enlisted along with Rip and they are going to an Ordnance outfit at Camp Aberdeen, Md. Others to go from the old YD are JOHN J. JERMYN and HARRY TIDD, both of the 104th Inf.

Sons of the YD to enlist are John E. Booth, Air Cadet, Santa Ana, Calif., son of John R. Booth, Batt. A, 102nd F. A., and PFC Norman N. Ripley, Jr., Marine Corps Unit 960, somewhere in the Solomons and PFC Donald Ripley, Batt. A, 7th Btn., Barracks 1107, Fort Eustis,

Va., sons of Norman Ripley, Sr., our retread. And we just heard rather late that Ed "Breezy" O'Neil's boy, George is in the service. And to the rest of you parents that are justly proud of a boy in the service, send a snapshot to your secretary for a print in DOINGS.

And to some of you old YD buckaroos that were born two to four years too soon and have tried and tried to get into this scrap, permit me to say, "I'm damned sorry."

—B. CROCKETT.

Haverhill Auxiliary

We have spent a busy summer even though we do not meet as often. During July Agnes Ross entertained 20 of us at her camp in Salem, New Hampshire. Those who stayed at home missed a grand feed, as well as a good time.

The auxiliary held a Weiner Roast at the home of Senior Vice President Anne Pluff, August 16, and assisted the Chapter at the one they held there in September. On both occasions Anne served a baked bean supper to the workers.

Mrs. Pluff also entertained at a Beano Party at her home which was well attended.

Members of the Auxiliary helped the Chapter and Drum Corps put on the program at Washington Square during the Bond Drive conducted by the theatres in September. The majorettes sold stamps and bonds on different occasions and Tuesday, September 29, was YD night.

The auxiliary are continuing their $5. gifts to the boys going into service and have given at least twelve. Ruth Meteyer was chairman of the dinner committee for the party given to Norman Ripley, Chapter member, who has reenlisted. Agnes Ross assisted in cooking the turkeys and she had a big one.

Catherine Hamilton took time off from her many duties to put over a rummage sale Saturday, October 14.

We have started our weekly whist parties on Thursdays at the Dugout. The first one was conducted by our President Mattie Greenleaf. We are offering a prize for the highest total score over ten weeks, records being kept by Ruth Meteyer.

As this covers the entire summer I have not attempted to mention every one who has served on our committees but the work of each has been very much appreciated.

—F. L. TARLETON.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William H. Barter
32 Hussey St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Geo. A. Durant
95 Eugenia St., New Bedford, Mass.

The regular monthly meetings were resumed Wednesday, Oct. 14th. In the future the monthly meeting will be as usual the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

"Bucky" Beauclaire rang the supper gong at 7 sharp and the boys sat down to one of his famous clam chowders, hot dogs, doughnuts, cheese and coffee au lait. Needless to say everyone present was back in line for seconds.

The business meeting got under way at 8.30 with Commander Barter presiding. The Chapter voted to send to all sons or brothers of YD members now in the Armed Services a YD leather wallet for Christmas as a memento from the Chapter. The members also voted to subscribe a pint of blood to the Red Cross. After a few friendly arguments between Comrades Barber and Morris and a little French repartee between the Honorable "Michaud" Cheese of Police of the Newport Torpedo Station and Joe Gillow, who surely knows about horses and certainly has an A-1 Razzoo the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, Nov. 10th.

After the meeting a showing of the latest war pictures and some comics were provided by Ex-Mayor Leo E. J. Carney.

Our YD Junior Drum Corps under the leadership of Len McDonnell and Louie Marcoux donated their services to a football game for the Army and Navy Relief. They sure did a swell job and merited the great round of applause they received at the hands of more than 6,000 people who were present.

The membership committee is still on the job trying to better last year's record membership. We have only 4 to go and we are sure to go over the top by the next meeting. All non-members are asked to contact Len McDonnell, Walter Johnson or Bill Barter.

The members were all pleased to see Joe Gillow about once more after losing 35 lbs. during his recent illness. He flittered around with his sylph-like figure that would do credit to a Pavlowa.

Harold Kenyon, one of our buddies is also on the mend and is a candidate for Councillor at Large. All comrades are asked to do all they can to put him over.

Bill Barter now has two Sergeants in the family. His oldest boy is Staff Sergeant in New Caledonia and his other son is a Sergeant in the Air Corps serving as an Instructor in Meteorology at Phillips Field, Aberdeen, Md.

Jack Hyland's boy John Jr. has just received his commission as a navigator in the Air Corps. A chip off the old block.

Ray Manchester's boy is a Sergeant Musician with the band of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He was recently home on a short furlough.

Louie Marcoux's boy is on his way up the ladder in the Navy.

Comrade Barber's boy is also in the Navy serving overseas. Same goes for young Charlie Buckley who is in the South Pacific, also Comrade Newton's boy serving overseas.

Don't forget. See you at the next meeting, Carpenter's Hall, Sixth St., Tuesday, Nov. 10. All YD comrades who happen to be in New Bedford that night are welcome.

—Bib.

SALEM

Commander: John F. Walsh
81 Summer St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Not much doing in Salem. We started to hold our meetings Sunday afternoon, October 17. Ten faithful for the meeting, and for the Penny-Ante.

Our sympathy to Comrade Emile Gagnon, his wife passed away, and was buried October 12. She was a member of the Salem YD Auxiliary.

"One-round" Al Lareau was in the hospital for some time. He is back again fit as a fiddle. Harry Miller went and enlisted in the Coast Guard as Chief Petty Officer. Most of the boys are in defense projects these days.

Mike O'Rouke is at the Navy Yard, "Cribbage" Lucien Pelletier, "Top-Kick" Ed Calhoun, Layton Stearns, Joseph St. Lawrence, "Point-of-order" Dutchy Ayers, all at the G. E.; "Money-bag" Thibodeau is at the United Shoe; "Yousebuys" Bannon is a Lieutenant Guard in South Boston; Commander "Tiny" Walsh is in the Water Department; Secretary Laforme is janitor in a library; Wright, who is always wrong, is dishing out hot dogs for "Joe & Nemo". "Baby Dumplings" Tomkins is still a steel worker, and is still using the same pliers; Arthur Ducharme is still selling insurance; Henry Deschamps is still in the printing business; Walter Annabel is still at the Bank in Boston; Albert "Nigger" St. Pierre, our keeper of spitoons and cuspidors is in Sears, Roebuck; "Sister" Thibault is still at the State House. "Willie Ham" McHugh was seeking the position of City Clerk recently. Councilor Arthur Crosby nominated him on 34 straight ballots, McHugh did not win but Crosby certainly tried to get him in. Crosby is seeking office of State Senator, and all YD's in these parts should support Arthur Crosby as well as he supported our YD Comrade.

The next State Meeting to be held in December to be in Salem YD Quarters, on Howard Street, Salem, Mass.

— "Sister" Thibault.

Springfield Auxiliary

We held our regular meeting in September .

Our President, Kit Crokan was installed as President of the East Longmeadow American Legion Unit 293. Another member of the Auxiliary, Veronica Chapman, was also installed as President of the West Springfield American Legion Unit 207. These two events brought together a good number of our members and needless to say — a good time was had by all.

An invitation to a social, given by the Chapter, was received by the Auxiliary, and gave us real pleasure. May we hope to have more of these parties with the Chapter, we of the Auxiliary certainly enjoyed every bit of.

— Loretta Huntley,
Secretary.

WORCESTER

Commander: Robert Vale
27 Bauer St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

The October meeting of this chapter was honored by the presence of our National Commander, Benjamin A. Bourn, for the purpose of installing the new Officers for the coming year.

To start at the beginning this meeting was held at the Town Club, on Lake Ave., where we always hold our social activities of any importance; where a dinner was served before the installation, this by the way must be something out of the ordinary as our National Commander said that this was the first time that he had ever seen dinner before the installation. Well you know how the boys are where a dinner is served they generally come for the installation and then

leave before the dinner so that they miss the social part of the evening; so we crossed them up and had the dinner first which made it a little late in getting started for our installation.

Past Commander Thomas McCarthy who was chairman of the affair then opened the program with the posting of the colors followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Mrs. Mae Brennan McCarthy. We were also honored by the presence of our mayor, William A. Bennet, as he had several places to go that evening he was called on first to say a few words to the gathering of the boys of the old YD, and wants to congratulate both the old and new commanders on the work that has been done and will be done in the future by this chapter. As the comrades know what it is to sacrifice ondifferent things he is proud of what the boys and the City is doing in this national crises; with a couple of stories thrown in he asked to be excused as he had to visit other boys that were leaving for the service.

National Commander Bourn was then asked to say a few words, so along with waiting for the boys to show up so that he might eat he spoke on the flag pole at the YD Memorial at Camp Edwards, and also asked the boys to continue on membership as now was as good a time as any to keep the activities of the chapter before the public. He then in turn introduced Comrade Arthur Nielson who is to act as his Sgt.-at-Arms for the evening, who spoke briefly on his work with the Junior Drum Corps in Hartford. The following Officers were then installed, Commander, Eugene S. Gilliam; Senior Vice Commander, Harold A. Nute; Junior Vice Commander, Mathew Leary; Treasurer, Austin L. Kennedy; Adjutant, Clyde O. Elliott; Chaplain, George A. Gaumond; Sgt.-at-Arms, James W. Kierstead and Trustee, Charles D. Webster.

Following the installation P.C. Vail in his remarks asked the following members to stand and take a bow for the work they done for the chapter during his administration, P.C. McCarthy, chairman of the Ball and Installation committees; Comrade Racicot, chairman of the Refreshment committee, S.V.C.-elect Nute, chairman of the Outing committee (which was a huge success) and P.C. Jones, chairman of the Carnival and he also thanked the other comrades of the chapter that helped to make this year so successful.

Vic Richardson, host for the evening was asked for one of his favorite toasts, which was given and then three waitresses then marched across the floor and presented the National Commander, retiring Commander and the new Commander with cakes that were lighted with several candles. Dancing then followed for the evening.

Comrade Ernest J. Lalone, now a member of the Marine Corps was present in his new uniform — Comrade John Crane of Leominster representing our Department Commander (who is now in service) — Comrade William S. Gilliam representing the State Guard — Lieut. McDonald of the local police representing our own comrade and Chief-of-Police, Thomas F. Foley — Comrades meeting for the first time since the last conflict, J. A. Walsh, L Co., 101st Inf. and Walter L. Sullivan who was also celebrating his entrance into the service — One of the fishermen of the chapter who refused to eat the fish that was on the menu because he had not caught it.

Agony quartet over in the corner singing the old songs — Nice to see the natives get a kick out of singing with the boys — Still buying drinks after the bar is closed, how do they do it? — Thanks a lot for the decorations at the installation, nice work pal — Some time in the future the women folks will know that they can't tear the boys apart when they start singing — Eddie Racicot doing most of the singing on one glass of ginger ale.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Joseph L. Bourget, 907 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Wm. Monte, Arnold's Neck, Warwick, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"

Acting Commander: Joseph U. Frechette
97 Sherman St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Commander Albert J. Shabbott
118 Bagley St., Central Falls, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Thursday night, Oct. 15, Apremont held its regular meeting with Act. Commander Joe Fuchette in the chair it was a short meeting and a lunch was served after.

Plans were made to hold our Memorial Service, Sunday, Nov. 8, 1942 at St. Jean Baptist Church at 11 o'clock. Members of the three chapters will meet at British-American hall, High St., Pawtucket, at 10 A.M. sharp to move at 10.30 A.M. sharp. Would like every member of Providence and Kent county and Apremont chapter to come if they can make it.

Plans to hold open house, Armistice night at British-American hall for all YD veterans and their friends.

Also present at our meeting was our Act. Commander Ed. Bergin who has replaced our Dept. Commander Joseph L. Bourget who has enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps, also our Commander Al Shabbott who is in the Navy. We also have four other members in the arm forces of our country, will give you the names next month.

Apremont Chapter will take part in our Bond drive which will be held at Pawtucket, Sunday, Nov. 15, 1942, which is to be held by the Pawtucket Veterans Council at which time Apremont Chapter will buy a $500.00 Victory Bond.

Well, boy, nobody has won the Kitty pool yet, it is now $30.00, so come down to our next meeting and see if you can take it home with you.

Well I think I said enough, will have more next month.

— Joseph U. Frechette,
Act. Commander.

The YD Spirit of comradeship that has held us together since 1917 was put to good use in helping a friend. Clifford Arnold, who runs the Lincoln Woods Farm and Dairy, had a couple of fields of corn that needed to be harvested. But shortage of help was hindering the job. Thus Herbert Grylls "who likes all farmers" gathered the following members together to gather in the corn for Cliff: Jack Moran, Al Plant, Joe Frechette, Frank Keogh, Percy Forsythe, Ralph Dexter, George Milligan, (also George, Jr.) and Arnold Beech. October 4th and 11th were the Sundays and many tons were harvested. Moran, a mailman, drove the tractor-drawn cutting mechine like a veteran farmer. Mrs. Arnold served dinner twice a day to the boys. Even though they were a little tired, they did justice to the delicious food served by a grand cook. Cliff kept the gang well supplied with soft drinks from his Dairy Store, which is well known for its ice cream, etc. I say there's no better way to show our comradeship and also help our country.

— Albert Plant.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Carl G. Olson
1492 Main St., West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur F. Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

West Warwick held a War Bond and Stamp sale on Aug. 23rd which was preceeded by a Civilian Defense Parade. You may be sure Kent Chapter appeared with glowing colors in this parade also making their presence felt at the sale.

We deeply regret the sudden death of our late Comrade Orrin Stafford. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 1st. The Chapter conducted a military funeral and Com. Olson, Oliver Lewis, Earl Bergin, Henry Bacon, Geo. MacLeod and Lt. Spang acted as bearers. Mrs. Geo. MacLeod and Mrs. James Dyson represented the auxiliary. The burial was in the New Pawtuxet Cemetery at Lakewood, R. I. Comrades Farrel and Makin acted as color bearers.

Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, was the big night for the chapter, meaning a meeting. With the gas ration we "Hicks" look forward to meeting night to gather for a session of business and then to learn the current news from the Great World outside our confines.

The ladies held a Bingo during the social hour and judging from the ohs! and ahs! the prizes must have been good. Couldn't really say being "one of the out-of-luck guys". And now for an amazing piece of news!! Can any other chapter produce a lady of the auxiliary who cannot remember the date of her wedding? We have said lady in our auxiliary in the person of Mrs. Signe Olson, BUT wonder of wonders it was Com. Olson who really knew he was married Sept. 23rd, 1920, consequently it was the 22nd anniversary of said couple. However Signe still not convinced stood by while several members working in relays and tugging vigorously finally succeeded in getting the ring from her finger. You see the finger has grown in proportion as Signe's figure has expanded. Let me add Carl was right and Sept. 23rd was the date.

The lady of the hour received a pair of silk stockings and the beautiful wedding cake we all are beginning to look forward to in anticipation.

Congratulations also are in order to Arthur and Elsie Brown also having a 20th anniversary Sept. 23rd. Thanks to Sister MacLeod and May Luther for the cake.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Lawrence E. Lindgren, Scotland, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Gardner H. Hall, 70 Ash St., Willimantic, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting was opened by Commander LINDGREN at 3.30 P. M. National Commander BEN BOURN and Sergeant at Arms ART NEILSON were escorted to seats on the platform. Secretary's report of last meeting was read, accepted and voted placed on file. Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Chapter reports showed little activity for the summer except New Haven operating from new Hdqs. at 372 John St. who on August 9th dedicated a plaque at Yale Field to the memory of the old 102nd Inf. on the 25th anniversary of its formation and training there. This Chapter has been active in Civilian Defense and is showing that veterans are in the forefront doing their bit. The Chapter is against interference by petty politics in the conduct of the war. The Chapter presented to the Department 55 packages of cigarettes for use at Newington.

Membership reports showed the following—Bridgeport 32, Bristol 108, Hartford 213, Manchester 41, Meriden 94, New Britain 72, New Haven 118, Wallingford 13, Waterbury 14, Willimantic 53, Middletown 26, New London 24, Norwalk 23, Stamford 32, Torrington 18, Valley 11, at Large 4, making a total of 896.

Bristol reports Pete Tonelli at Newington Hospital. New Britain reports Senior Vice Sam Kaminsky and Jr. Vice Don Silva on the sick list. Chaplain Anderson reports Col. Bill Shanihan still awaiting operation on his eyes. Commander Charles La Due sick again after long siege of blood poisoning.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that New Haven Chapter's resolution be adopted by the Dept. and copies forwarded to President and Congressmen by Secretary Hall.

Proposed revision of Dept. Constitution and by-laws was read by Sr. Vice Commander Beckwith discussed item by item and laid over with specific changes for final vote at the next meeting. It was voted that a copy of these be sent with the minutes to each chapter, all Dept. Officers and Members of Executive Committee.

Dube of New Haven called attention to the desirability of getting contribution for the 102d Inf. Dedication to cover cost. Send to Fred Hirsch, 139 Foster Street, New Haven.

Bristol Chapter as host served a fine supper at no charge to the Dept. and more than 100 YD men enjoyed a grand time and outing. The Dept. voted its thanks to Bristol Chapter for its courtesy.

The Department Secretary, absent due to sickness in his family wishes to take this opportunity to express his appreciation to Senior Vice Beckwith for taking over the Secretary's job at this meeting. Thanks a million, Clyde.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: John P. Fray
162 Colony St., Fairfield, Conn.
Secretary: Sam Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Regular meeting was held on Monday, Oct. 12th and many important items were ironed out, the raffle books were distributed and Com-

mander Fray urged everyone to do his bit. We are giving away 3 turkeys and one $25. War Bond, all for the sum of 12 tickets to a book for .50 cents. This, comrades, as you know is our main revenue for the year.

It was also voted to hold our annual Armistice banquet. It is expected to be held at the Roseland. The Committee assures the usual grand time we always have; so bring your friends and prepare yourself for a real treat.

Bridgeport was shocked at the sudden death of Gen. "Machine Gun" John H. Parker at Reno, Nevada. He was one of our great personages in the state of YD veterandom. He will be missed immensely.

Frank Davis has joined the U. S. Navy.

Larry Hanley who will join the Chapter at our next meeting was elevated from fire fighter to Lieutenant in the Bridgeport fire department. Larry hails from the 101st Engineers. We know he will make good, more power to you.

Sam Zolo, our Junior Vice Commander, is a molder in a local foundry and he is a good one. His son Ben is a sophomore at the University of Michigan; he is not quite eighteen and expects to join the colors shortly.

Matty Herlock is a guard at the Bridgeport Brass Co. Matty has never missed a National Convention.

Past Dept. Commander Clarence Geer has applied for a commission. He has taken his physical exam and expects to be called soon. Commander Geer was captain of old H Co. in the 102nd Inf. We wish you luck Cap.

—Sam Marcus.

HARTFORD

Commander: John C. Carter
28 Cortland St., Elmwood, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

There has been some slip up somewhere, for Hartford is still on the map and there is plenty doing. The social season began with a dance on Saturday, October 17th and a large and successful party was had. Ben Bourne, National Commander, has been on hand every meeting even though he has made many visits throughout New England and has that pot of gold growing every month. If any of you fellows haven't been in on it you better pull up the first Monday of each month at the Danish Brotherhood Hall on 302 White Street.

The YD junior drum corps under the leadership of Herb Nelson got under way Monday, October 19th. And there is bound to be some good parties for the kiddies during the year. A Christmas party will be given just before the holiday.

YD buddies have been going back into the Army again for this new War, among whom are Ed Miller, John J. Costello, Andy Riga, Ed Dion, Erick Klick and a many others among the 101st Machiners.

The Postal Employees' Post, American Legion elected and installed this year John J. Goss, as commander, Jim Yacavone as junior vice, and Steve Romano as historian, by past district commander Charles Perry, all YD men. The May Davis-Stotzer Post of Newington elected and installed Leonard Fletcher as commander, by a YD man John Feege of Meriden, Past Dept. Commander of the A. L.

If you know of some YD man who has not yet reuped or who is not in, just get his three bucks, data and send it along to Harry Robertson.

—John J. Goss.

MIDDLETOWN

General John H. Parker, D.S.C. Chapter
Commander: Joseph C. Kolinsky
Crystal Lake Road, Middletown, Conn.
Secretary: Joseph Petruzelo
P.O. Box 115, Middletown, Conn.

The first meeting of the Chapter after the summer recess was held at Kolinsky's Dugout and was largely attended. The chapter has voted a sum of money for the local USO drive and also the Community Chest Drive.

The breakfast of the men from this city, Cromwell and Middlefield are still going strong. This morning at the YMCA some two hundred were served including the sixty-seven leaving for Fort Devens, their mothers and fathers. Just another YD sponsored affair. Much credit for the breakfasts must be given to the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Legion, Disabled Veterans, Y. D., and the V. F. W. who have been so kind and considerate, doing practically all the work. The Chamber of Commerce and their genial Secretary, Mrs. Jennie Cotter deserve the thanks for being the hub of the wheel that keeps the affair successfully functioning. We are proud to have such friends.

General John H. Parker, a member of the chapter, who has been staying for some weeks at the home of Joe Kolinsky has left for Ne-

vada, and those who would like to write to the General his address is the YMCA, Reno, Nevada.

The Chapter is planning along with the rest of the veterans organization for a large "On To Victory" parade at 2.30 P. M., November 11, and cordially invites the Department as well as all nearby Chapters to march with them and be their guests for the day. Joe Kolinsky and Joe Petruzello are members of the committee of which Samuel Mattes of the Legion is Chairman.

A letter was received recently from another prominent member, Major George F. Holmes, who is in the Army Air Force stationed at Detroit, Michigan. Major Holmes hopes to get a short furlough soon and while east will be guest at the Kolinsky Manse at Crystal Lake Road.

The Chapter is compiling list of names of all members who have sons in the service and a Christmas gift will be sent to each. Those who have not already sent in the names of their sons or daughters will please do so at once. Checks will be mailed out in time for them to get them at Christmas. Some fourteen sons and one daughter have been reported to date.

Gold Star Mother—Mrs. Mary Clark Bennett, who lost one son in the A.E.F.-Y.D. has two sons in this war, one in Australia, and one somewhere in the Solomon Islands. Congratulations Mother, you are the honey of the earth, and we owe you much.

—Joseph C. Kolinsky.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: Herbert A. Brann
123 Westerley St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: James W. Greene
17 Uncas Road, New Britain, Conn.

Quite a number of our members are being called for examination for the draft. Michael Ryan, Joe McDermott, Joe Carroll, Ed Toomy, Dewey Selander and Stanley Seledyn report that they are re-classified. No YD men have been taken yet but if we can go by his enthusiasm Edward Patrick "Corporal" Martin will be the first to don the uniform. Eddie expects to make the grade and is raring to go.

If the old soldiers cannot qualify, their sons are sure passing the exams. We have about fifteen YD sons in the service now. The latest boys to enlist are:

Robert Fleishauer, son of Mrs. Hazel and the late Fred Fleishauer of the 102nd Inf. joined the Marines.

Harold Slater, son of Mrs. Caroline and the late Harold Slater has reported at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

Carlos Richardson Jr., son of Carlos Richardson of the 101st Engineers, has enlisted in the Naval Aviation.

Philip Parker, son of Luther Parker of the 101st Machine Gun Battalion has joined the Para Troops.

Rodman Chamberlain, Jr., son of Rod Chamberlain Sr. has gone in the Merchant Marine service and Rod's daughter has joined the W. A.A.C.S.

Our membership is creeping up slowly. If you fellows want to beat Bristol you will have to step on it. I have stuck my neck out and if we don't beat Bristol this year I will have to hide from that Bristol crowd every time we meet.

Herb Brann has offered a new fall hat to the one getting the most members during October. Gardner Weld, Eric Olson and Bobby Glossup are tied. Come on you fellows, sign up some more members and break that tie. The Commander will not give more than one hat. We are surprised that Jack Suess isn't in there battling for that hat. If Jack does enter the contest, place your bets on him. It won't be a photo finish either.

At the social meeting held Thursday night, Oct. 15th, 63 of the fellows turned out. Gardner Weld showed several reels of pictures. Dewey Selander and Al Backiel entertained the boys with the latest parlor stories. Herb Brann and his committee served sweet cider and doughnuts. Those who objected to cider were treated to root beer and Ventres' milk.

Too bad that Gus Krieger wasn't present. He would have enjoyed a nice honest game of setback. Cap Griswold came over from Hartford and claims that the game of setback he was in was the best he has ever played in. Pat Malley, who is an authority on cards kept several of the games running smoothly. When the party broke up at 1.30 A.M. all agreed that we should have more of these social nights.

We are still waiting for those pictures of YD sons to go in the YANKEE DOINGS. Why don't you send them in to the Editor of the DOINGS or to me? The pictures will be returned to you. —Jimmie Greene.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Comm.: William A. Forsythe, 202 Susquehanna Rd., Abington, Penn.

CHICAGO

Commander: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: John Klockowski
1352 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

I never saw anything like it, the way that the Chicago Club comes back. Last month we were broke, and down; this month we have twenty bucks in the old kick, three more members, and prospects for a wonderful Winter Season.

The meeting was held this month at the home of the Commander, Bill Keyes. Present were, Keyes, Ray Dorn and his wife, Lawrence Setter and his wife, John Klockowski, Leroy Anderson, Ed Peterson, and Al Keyworth. Al had been bowling, and didn't get there until late, but we were glad to see him as it was his first meeting since 1934. He's going to re-join, and I'm sure will be a good member from now on. Harry Pritzker paid his dues yesterday, as did John Donovan, and Anderson. That makes twenty-three members, not counting the ones that belong "At Large", but still live in Chicago. Come on, you guys, join your local Chapter!

After the meeting was over, we repaired to the Kitchen, as we always do in the Keyes household, (ask Austin Appleby or Jim Sullivan about that kitchen), and had some chili and beer. The eighth was just about enough. We all listened to Mrs Setter read the article that was in the September issue about the draftee. It was a riot, and so was she.

We decided to hold an inexpensive party on Nov. the 10th. That is our regular meeting night, and although we haven't found the place we want to hold it in as yet, we will have a good spot before long. We plan to charge a dollar per person, and furnish the sandwiches and beer free. There will probably be some iron bound beverages for those with stomachs too weak to drink beer.

I had a swell visit in Boston the 9th and 10th. I dropped into the Club, and saw Guy Watts, (we tangled as usual over small things, the same as we always do), and he took me around. Pretty nice set-up, you YD men should be proud of what you have, and what you are doing with it. I also had a swell visit with Austin Appleby, a nice chat with Bill Blake, and a few of the others. Sorry I missed Cow-Boy Jim, but here's my best, Jim. Ray Dorn is opening a new Tavern at the corner of Lawrence and Clark Sts. I hope some of you fellows get around and see him.

Apologies to Dr. Christiansen, and Allen Mathis for the seeming neglect. It was unintentional, and I hope you both will forgive the responsible party.

— Wm. H. Keyes, Comm.

NEW YORK

Commander: Ralph A. Turgeon
182 Moore St., Princeton, New Jersey
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

No doubt, owing to the fact there was no meeting of New York Chapter in August, our September 22nd meeting at the Prince George Hotel was one of the largest of the entire year. The Get-together dinner before the meeting was well attended, with Commander Turgeon having Professor Robert G. Albion as his guest, and Comrade Charles Holt of the 165th Inf., a guest of Comrade Bill Collins of the Chapter. The meeting was called to order by Commander Turgeon at 8:30 P.M., with the reading of the Opening Prayer being read by Joe "Buck" O'Brien in the absence of our National Chaplain, Rev. Father Thomas Temple. Introductions followed. Past Commander Elwin Cooney then made a motion that we dispense with the Regular Order of Business. Motion seconded by Buck O'Brien and passed. Comdr. Turgeon then introduced Professor Albion of Princeton University, an authority on Naval and Sea Warfare whose topic of the evening was "Our Situation on the Seven Seas." The Professor traced our Naval and Merchant Marine history through the Revolutionary War, the war of 1812-14, our Civil and Spanish-American Wars, the great World War No. I, and the present conflict, the Global War. At the conclusion of the Professor's talk he was given a rousing vote of thanks.

Commander Turgeon then presented Secretary Lonergan the Certificate of Meritorous Service. The Commander then read the names of the New York Chapter members who are back in Service. They are — 1st Lieut. F. Gardner, Capt. George W. Cobb, Jr., Capt. George O.

Cote, Maj. Benjamin Harris, Maj. Russell B. Livermore, Maj. John Rachek, Capt. Allen M. Schauffler, Lt.Col. Dr. Joseph K. Surls, 1st Lt. Henry G. Choquet, Sgt. Al Porat, Sgt. Edward Hart and Pvt. Joe Greenberg. At this writing there are twelve Comrades of our Chapter Back In, that we know of.

Secretary Lonergan then spoke on the death of our Comrade Patrick H. King, and Buck O'Brien reported that Comrade Bart Kiley and himself attended the services, and that Comrade King was buried in Boston. New York Chapter and entire membership extend to our National Headquarters and the Comrades of the 101st Inf. Vet. Ass'n., in Boston our sincere thanks for the way they handled the services to Comrade King.

Another "Swell Guy" gone to join his Comrades who have passed-on.

Commander Turgeon and Secretary Lonergan reported on the Dedication of the Tablet to the 102nd Inf. in New Haven on Sunday, August 9th. They also reported on the growing feeling, that our 1943 National Convention be held in New York City. As much as we would be delighted for the Convention to be held here, it was pointed out by Comrade John Foley that by the time (June, 1943) of our Convention the transportation situation may be entirely under Government control, with the movement of troops and supplies and that it would be unwise to plan or predict that far ahead. Past Comdr. Ed Nelson spoke in favor of Boston or some near town as the Convention site. A motion then was made by 1st V.C. Jim Donovan that our National Headquarters be so advised.

Our Christmas "Cheer" Basket Drawing was then taken up. Due to the splendid way Comrade Fanelle handled this last year he was again appointed Chairman. The other members of this Committee appointed were — 1st V.C. Jim Donovan, Sec. Hal Lonergan, P.C. Harry Van Hala, P.C. Ed Nelson, P.C. Joe McGlone and Ralph Nevin.

Comrade Bart Kiley then made a motion that a letter be sent to the sister of Comrade King notifying her that a Wreath will be placed on his grave by New York Chapter on Armistice Day, November 11th, and that our National Secretary Guy Watts, be so instructed to do so on behalf of New York Chapter.

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned to meet again on Tuesday evening, October 27th at the Prince George Hotel. Yes this was "some meeting." Many items are left out Comrades because there are other Chapters who need space in YANKEE DOINGS.

— Harold B. F. Lonergan,
Secretary.

"OHIO CHAPTER"

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The Ohio Chapter at its regular meeting in September chose its officers for the ensuing year. Only thirteen members were present and elected to exercise their franchise at this all-important event, thus indicating that enthusiasm and interest in YD affairs are beginning to languish. A hopeful sign, though, was their choice of leader and commander, Harry G. Schnell, who is qualified by every capacity, inate and acquired, to arouse their enthusiasms to a new high and to make his administration the best of all. Other members elected were — Ted Gonsalves, Sr. Vice Commander; Edward McGrath, Jr. Vice Commander; Fred Bastel, treasurer; Walter Haak, secretary; Albert Lawler, chaplain; Albert Theu, sergeant-at-arms; and Erich Reich, historian.

— Herbert Riehl,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: George Hudson
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Secretary: Ernest T. Bates
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Comrade Al Roberts has just returned from the Philadelphia Naval Hospital where he has been undergoing treatments for several weeks. Although Al is well enough to be at home he still is unable to return to the active duties of life for sometime so any of you Chapter members who can, please pay Al a call, but just a hint, leave your wad at home for your secretary is given to understand that Al became very proficient at the good old game of stud while at the hospital, practically making expenses, who said that all the navy ever gave us was a free ride. Ask Al he should know. Incidentally Al's biggest problem today seems to be to figger out who he misses the most, the poker players or the lovely nurses. How about it friend.

Regardless to the contrary that the old man with the whiskers has no use for us metal men (you know silver in the hair, gold in the teeth

and lead in the — , the old YD'ers are still going back in the service every day, this time our Comrade Nicholas Biddle of the Philadelphia Chapter is back in active service with the rank of Colonel.

The sons of the old YD are certainly living up to the traditions, the son of your secretary has just graduated from pre-flight school for pilots at Maxwell Field at Montgomery, Alabama, going on to preliminary flight training with the ultimate goal of 2nd Lieut. as a pilot and one of Uncle Sam's future Eagles. I had his photograph in the last issue of DOINGS but the notation, Aviation Cadet John F. Bates was partially missing so as not to let comrade know who he was. I'm taking this liberty of so doing. Son of Ernest T. Bates, Co. M, 103rd Inf.

Philadelphia is seeing quite a few of the new YD boys of late several of whom are here attending the Signal Corps School. They certainly are a fine credit to the outfit those that I have had the pleasure of seeing and talking to.

Our comrade better know as Fiddling Chick Frazier was d rently elected Hide Gimlet of Keystone Pup Tent No. 3 of the Military Order of The Cooties in Philadelphia. Good luck, Chick, and may you follow through to Seam Squirrel.

The Chapter now has their official YD shirts and berets and will have an opportunity to show them off to the public on November 8th, when they are invited to participate in the American War Mothers Memorial Parade followed by exercises in Wister Woods at the monument of the American War Mothers.

Now that George Twombley is back on the East Coast again our Commander George Hudson and Comrade Luther Linker would like to see him get busy again and get some more dots and dashes in the "Outburst" column again, how about it, George? Incidentally there must be more organizations of the old original regiments and battalions whose occasional flareups would prove interesting reading to us scattered members far from the old stamping grounds. I'm sure I would like to hear of more doings of the old 103rd Infantry. — Ernest T. Bates, Sec.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Maurice White
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Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
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Sixteen of the hearty and one guest got over to Commander White's home for the first meeting of the winter season on Wednesday, October 7th. Meetings during August and September were dispensed with due to vacations and the heat. Those in attendance were Commander White, Rowe, Jordan, Bartram, Queenin, Williams, Hutchins, Small, Margullis, St. Peter, Erickson, Dodic, Bertrand and Golden. Honorary member Norton was in attendance as usual and Ben Aiken, Adjutant and Treasurer of the Major General C. R. Edward's Post, V.F.W. was our guest to say goodbye to most of the boys. Ben has been called back into the Navy as a Lieutenant (S.G.).

While we are on the subject of the armed forces the following members of the Washington Chapter are now in the Army, Navy and Coast Guard, Colonel Pelham D. Glassford, Lieutenant Colonel James W. Boyer, Major Ken Johnson, Captain Karl Standish, Dave Stambler, Officers Training School, Lieutenant Commander Arthur Hathaway and Lieutenant (S.G.) John Caswell. John, for the interest of his friends in New England who don't know it, just joined the Coast Guard and believe it or not, he will be pacing the hurricane deck on a horse out in Los Angeles. Can you imagine being in the Cavalry wearing a naval uniform? Yes, this is a different type of war. Best of luck to you John, and we all know you will do a good job wearing out your pants and the horses they furnish you.

It was sure good to welcome Al Bartram back after a prolonged illness requiring his being on a farm in Pennsylvania all summer. He looked so good and was so chipper that we immediately elected him treasurer and put him to work replacing Dave Stambler who is tussling with the job of learning how to become an officer at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

We had great difficulty keeping Joe Jordan quiet all evening. Something wound him up on Selective Service of veterans who served in the last war and it took Frank Norton, who is Chief Clerk of the Draft Boards for the District of Columbia to pipe him down. Queenin and St. Peter were like a couple of toy bull dogs all evening. Ray after extreme tolerance suddenly growled like an English Bull and that was that.

What was that amber fluid Whitey was serving Levi?

All the boys felt deeply shocked to hear of the misfortune which befell Leonard and Catherine A'Hearn. Their newly arrived son died at birth

and all of us send our sympathies to both of them. Catherine is doing well.

Plans were laid for the gang, war or no war, legal holiday or not, to meet at General Edward's grave on Armistice Day and pay the usual tribute. We meet this year at the lunch period, 12:30 P.M.

I heard someone say that if Commander White could cook they would marry him. Mrs. White went to the movies and Maurice had to make the coffee and boil the hot dogs. With the combined advice of Williams, Dodic, Bartram, Norton, Jordan, etc., we finally got our tummies full and left Whitey at midnight to catch hell from his charming wife for all the mess we made in her spotless kitchen and the recreation room.

Our next meeting will be at Ray Queenin's on November 4th. That's the household that recently got a new manager in the form of a new and lovely daughter which the proud father calls "Butch".

— Nate Golden,

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . Jim Noonan (K Co.) has joined up with Naval Aviation and is stationed at Quonset Point, R. I. . . . Bill Woods (D Co.) 1st Lieut. M. P. was home last week after a 10 weeks refresher course at Ogelthorpe, Ga. . . . Bill was formerly with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles . . . 1st Lt. James Creeswell (K Co.) is now at Ogelthorpe, Ga. with an M.P. unit . . . Jim was with the Naturalization and Immigration Dept. before he got back into the service again . . . A large delegation of the old 101st led by President Jack Coughlin attended the funeral of our late comrade Col. Arthur Hansen (F Co.) who dropped dead while staging a Bond Drive rally . . . It happened at Waltham where Arthur was the Mayor . . . Over a hundred members of F Co. were present led by Jack Maquire (F Co.), former State Commander of the American Legion.

Joseph G. O'Brien (G Co.) a member of the mailing room staff of the *Boston Globe* has been elected commander of Boston Newspapermen's Post, A. L. . . . The YD Post, A. L. held their installation recently at the YD Club . . . Les Perry (A Co.) was installed as Senior Vice-Comm. and Mike McNeil (B Co.) as Junior Vice-Comm. . . . It was with much regret we heard of the sudden and untimely death of Charlie Dailey (Hdqts.) . . . The annual memorial services of the Iron Battalion has been changed from Fall River to Boston this year. They will be held at St. Philip's church on Sunday, November 8 . . . Larry Glasheen, Pres. of H Co. is the general chairman . . . Joe Greenberg (L Co.) came over from N. Y. to attend our recent convention . . . Leo Fox (M Co.) is a linotype operator and lives in Lowell . . . Harold Murray (H Co.) works at the main Post Office at Bridgeport, Conn. . . . John Wallace (M Co.), whose home is up in Alburgh, Vt. is in the Immigration Service as a Senior Patrol Inspector . . . A card of thanks has been sent by President Jack Coughlin (K Co.) to all those who so generously contributed during the past year to the 101st Hospital Fund.

—Jim Powers.

101st MACH. GUN BAT. ASS'N.

As John Costello sat dreaming of his new wife one rainy evening in the barracks at Camp Devens he looked up and at a nearby bunk saw someone vaguely familiar. It was Hadley Burnham with whom he had served in the old YD. Hadley Burnham had been inducted via Selective Service from St. Albans and they both landed in the same company at Devens. Hadley has gone to an air corps unit and John made the military police. There is still some good in a fat tummy.

My apologies to an old timer for his name was omitted from the list of machine gunners back in the service, Colonel John H. Agnew.

Also the following are back doing their bit with the troops; Elmer G. Brackett now a Captain and Ruel C. Stratton now a Captain in the Chemical Warfare branch. Sorry all the boys can't be with us on our 24th Annual Reunion. We shall miss you and send you God speed from all of us.

Congratulations are still being received by Art Nielson whose car registration plate is 'YD' and by Ben Bourne whose car registration plate is 'YDVA.' —"SPOONS."

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Our thanks to Commander S. A. Newcombe, A.L., Barre, Vt., who reports the death of John L. Martin, Co. I, 104th Inf., in Williamstown, Vt., on Oct. 15th. Interment was in Village Cemetery of that town. He was wounded at Belleau Woods and death was caused by heart disease from which he suffered for years. He leaves a widow, Blanche and two children, one of them a boy, Godfrey Crane in the army at Tacoma, Washington.

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Brig. Gen. John Henry Parker died at Reno, Nevada on Oct. 13. Complete details elsewhere in this issue.

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Charles W. Mann, 2nd Lt., U.S. Air Corps, and a son of Charles W. Mann, Sr., 102 MG Bat'n, died in an air crash in New Mexico on Oct. 17th. He was on a routine flight and was one of 11 men killed when their four motor bomber crashed.

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Thomas H. Whittingham, Bat. F, 103rd A. died at Togus, Maine on Oct. 5. Details under Androscoggin, Me. Chapter notes.

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Daniel Rogers of the 101st FH is reported to have died on Labor Day as a result of a heart attack. No further details.

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Major Arthur Hansen, Co. F, 101st Infantry died on Sept. 28th. No further details.

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Charles B. Dailey, Hdqtrs Co., 101st Inf. died on Oct. 6th. No further details.

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William Scales, Jr., K Co., 102nd Inf., died on Sept. 22nd in Albany, N. Y. No further details.

James J. Casey, Willimantic, Conn., no outfit given, died on Sept. 29th. Services were held at St. Joseph's Church and pall bearers were from the various veterans organizations including Elliott R. Moshier of Windham County Chapter.

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Warren C. King, honorary member of Portland, Me. Chapter passed away on Oct. 11th. He was one of the kindest and most benevolent of men and every YD man was his dearest friend. The Portland Chapter placed a beautiful wreath on his grave.

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Edward Murray, A Co. 101st Engineers, who was reported missing for several weeks is now known to have died sometime in September. His body was found in a ravine in Needham, Mass., and death was attributed from diabetic coma. Burial was from his home town, Roslindale. The sympathy of every YD man goes to his widow for this tragedy.

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Although active up to within a few weeks of his death, Colonel Ernest Leroy Averill, succumbed on September 13th to a long illness. Col. Averill was the commander of the Branford Battery, known officially as Battery E, 103rd Field Artillery and informally as the "Kaiser's Own." Col. Averill, a practising attorney for many years and active in politics, was State Director of the Selective Service System for Connecticut at the time of his death. He was 59 years old and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lulu Johnson Averill, two daughters, Mrs. Roger Smith and Mrs. Curtis Brockelman and two sons, Major William P. Averill and George Averill.

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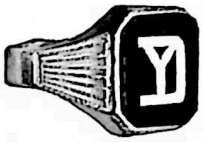

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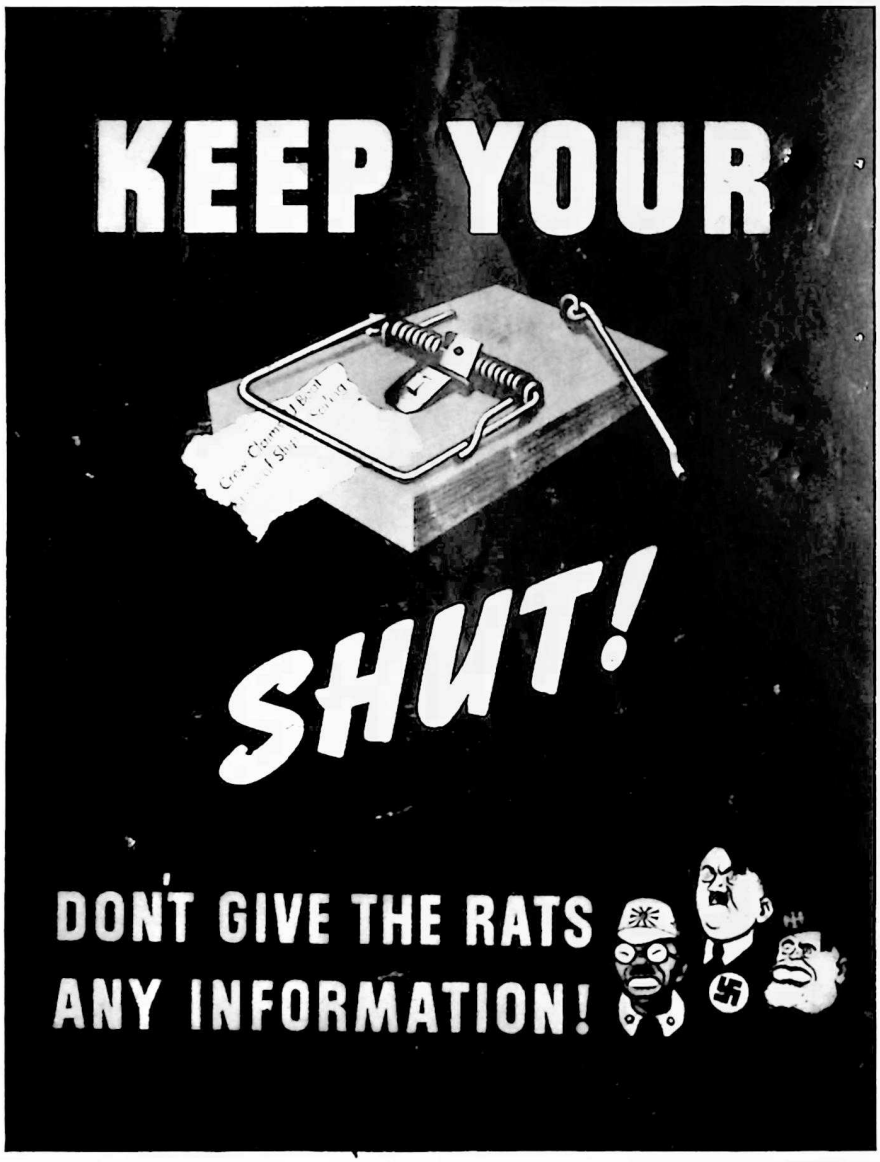
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